

## Decision in Regard to Bounty to the Heirs of Deceased Soldiers.

The following decision has just been made at the Treasury Department on an inquiry made in regard to the descent of bounty to the heirs of deceased soldiers, and will form a precedent for all similar cases:—

Under the law of July 28, 1866, the mother and father of the deceased soldier, provided there has been no abandonment on either side, are jointly entitled to receive payment of the bounty, the widow having remarried before the act, and there being no minor children; and where the heirs of a deceased soldier claimed the bounty provided by the act of July 28, 1866, it is decided that if the soldier died before the passage of the act from causes other than wounds or diseases contracted in service, or if he died after the passage of the law from any cause, the heirs would not be entitled to the bounty; but if he died prior to its passage from wounds or diseases contracted in the service, the bounty descends to the heirs in the order and on the conditions named in the law. This case is precisely parallel to that of a soldier to whom bounty is granted by the law of March 3, 1863, for less than two years' service. When discharged for wounds received in battle, and no provision was made for the descent of the bounty, if the soldier died without receiving it, and it was held to be personal to the beneficiary, and that it did not descend, Congress sanctioned this construction and passed an elaborate section on March 3, 1866, providing for the descent in a prescribed order of heirship—thus by implication asserting that it could not descend without express provision of law.

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